<u>Cluster of COVID-19 cases in Grantham Hospital</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesman for Grantham Hospital made the following announcement today (August 3):

Twenty patients (seven male and 13 female patients aged between 47 and 94) in the infirmary unit of Grantham Hospital have been presenting with fever and have tested positive for COVID-19 since July 31. All patients are being treated in cohort isolation and are in stable condition.

Admission for the wards concerned has been suspended, and restricted visiting has been imposed. Thorough cleaning and disinfection measures have been conducted in the wards concerned. Infection control measures have been stepped up according to established guidelines.

The hospital will continue to closely monitor the situation of the patients. The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for follow-up.